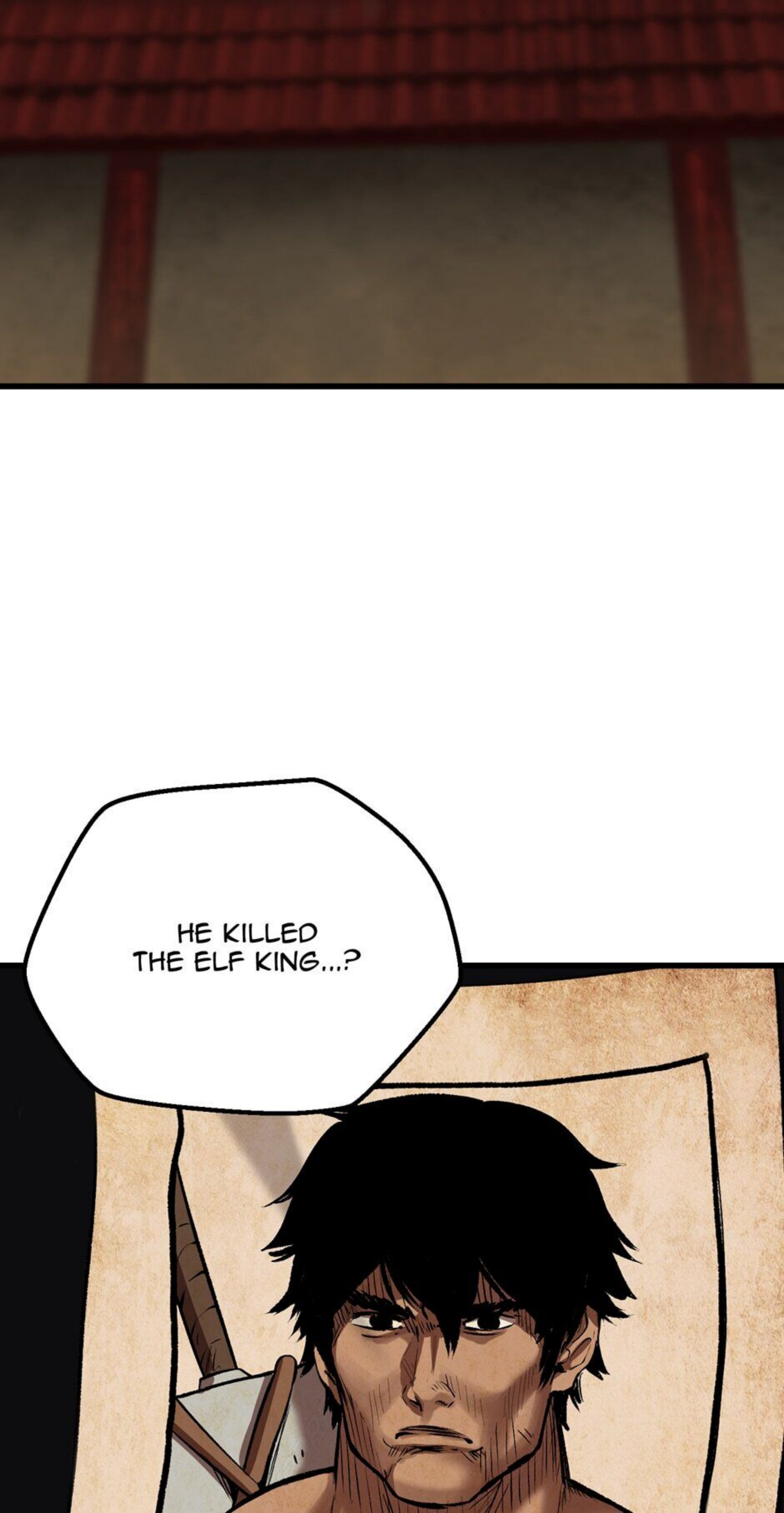

HE KILLED
THE ELF KING...?

CAN WE REALLY TRUST THIS INFORMATION?

EVERYONE IN THE ELVEN KINGDOM BELIEVES THAT THE ELF KING DIED OF NATURAL CAUSES,

BUT IT SEEMS LIKE THE KINGS OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE IT OUT.

Sk
IT DOES SEEM TRUE THAT THE ELF KING WAS ASSASSINATED BY SOMEONE.

SO THE STORY FITS.
FLIP
WE'D BETTER HURRY UP AND GET TO THEM.

THERE'S **NO WAY** MY BROTHER WOULD'VE MURDERED SOMEONE!

YOU DUMMY~

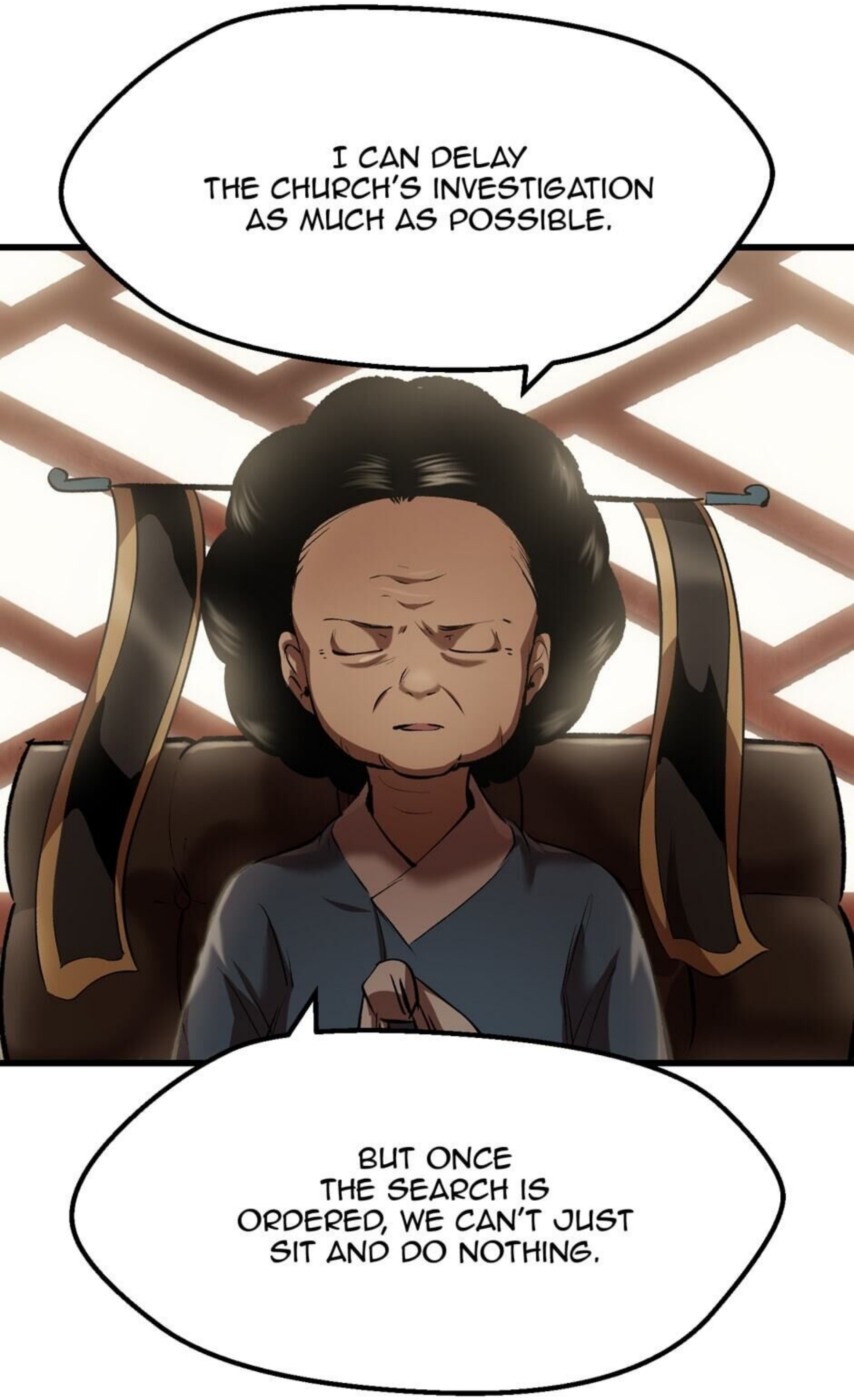
THAT'S WHY WE HAVE TO GET TO HIM FIRST.

THE GODDESS ORDERED THE CAPTURE OF THAT MONSTER, BUT LEFT LEONHART OUT OF THE LOOP? THE TOUGHEST WEAPON IN ALL OF THE CHURCH?

SHE'S DEFINITELY HIDING SOMETHING.

WE HAVE TO GET TO HIM FIRST AND FIGURE OUT WHO'S BEHIND ALL OF THIS.

STARE...
WH-WHAT?
YOU DIDN'T THINK I HAD THIS MUCH COMMON SENSE?!


I CAN DELAY THE CHURCH'S INVESTIGATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
BUT ONCE THE SEARCH IS ORDERED, WE CAN'T JUST SIT AND DO NOTHING.

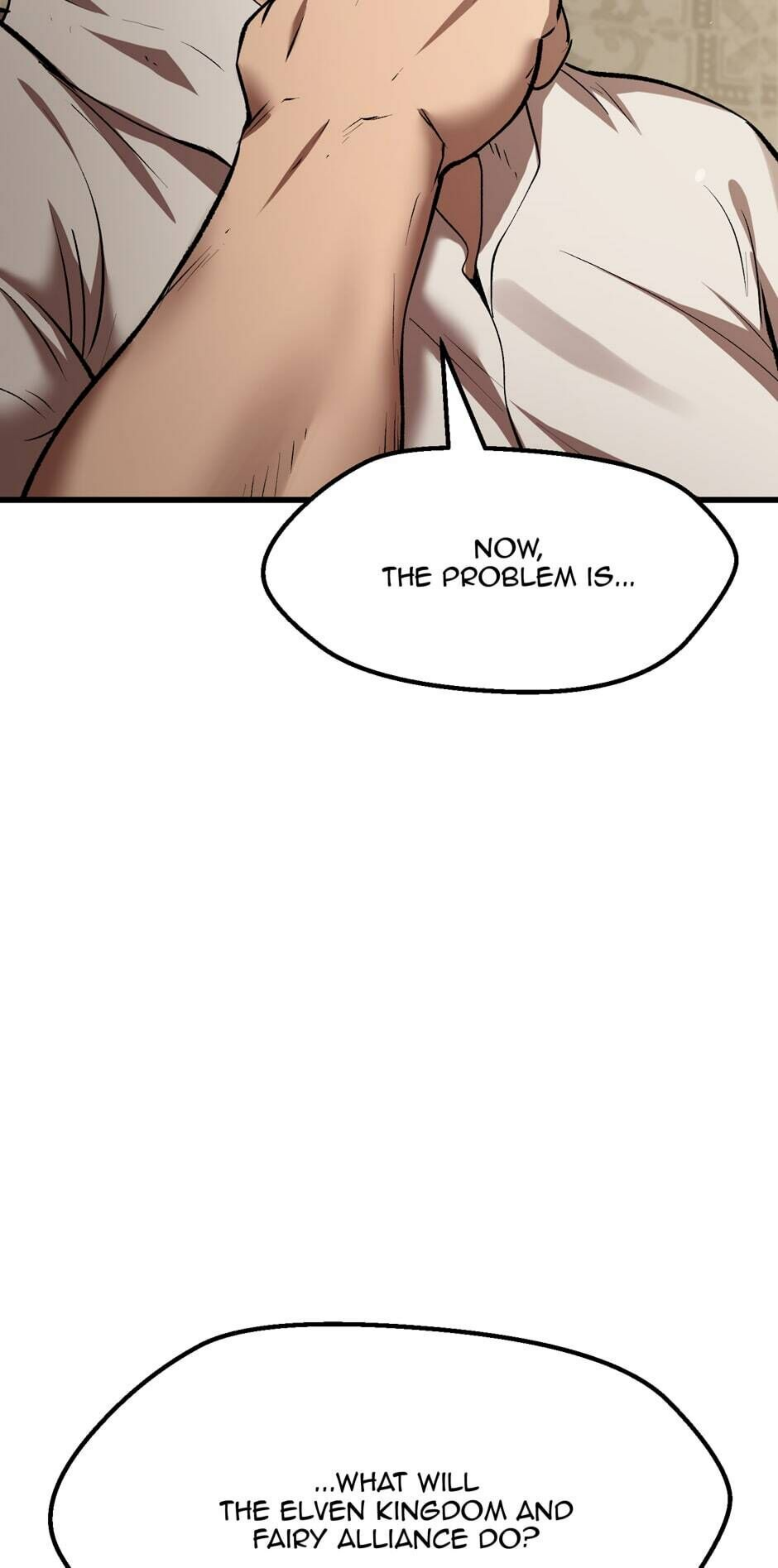
BESIDES,
THE OFFICIAL POSITION
IS THAT SIR LEONHART HAS
DISOBEYED THE CHURCH'S
ORDERS AND GONE ROGUE...

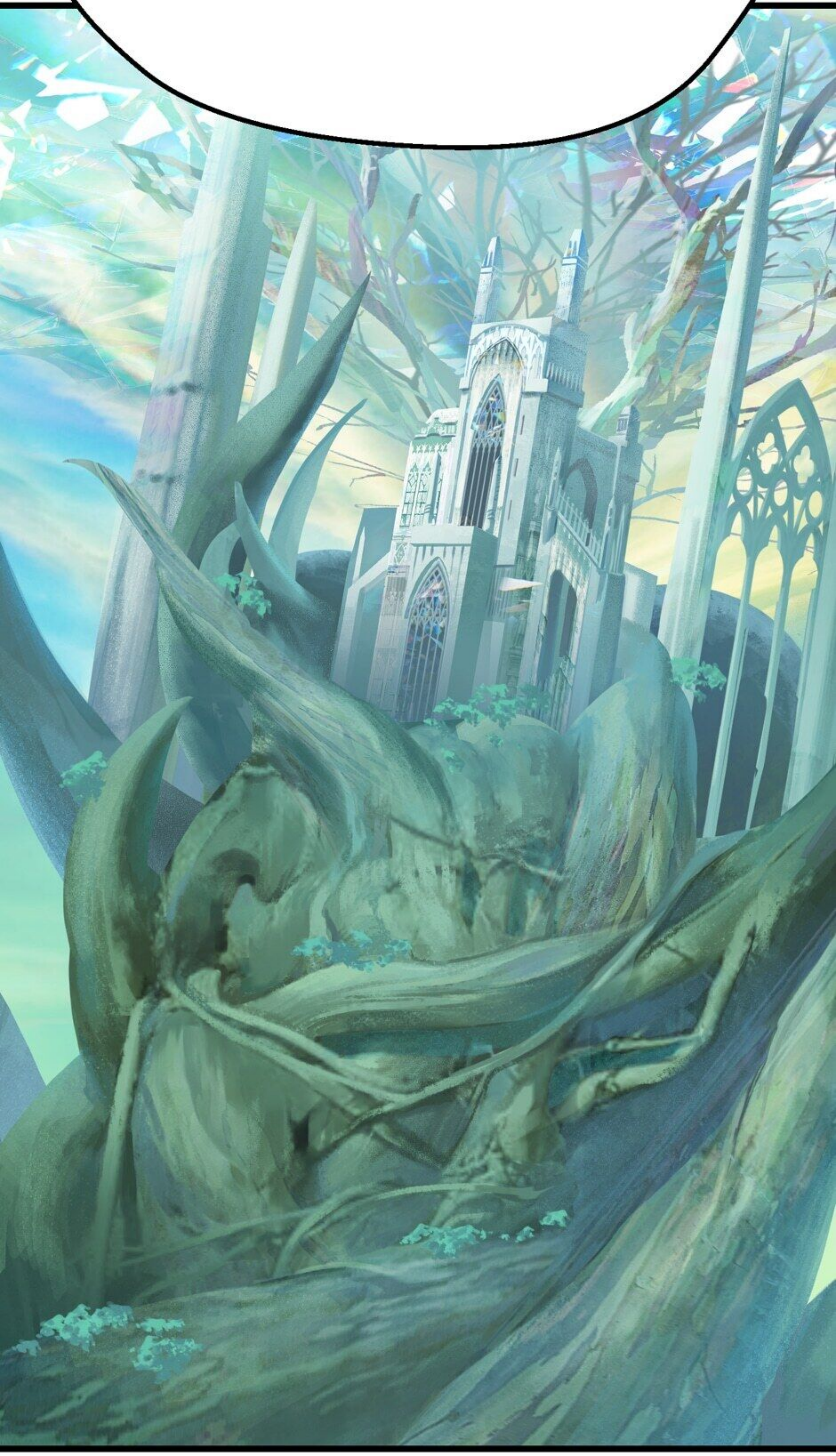
IT'LL ALSO BE CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT HIS FRIENDS HERE ARE ON THE RUN TOO.

ER, 'FRIENDS' IS A BIT...

I'M JUST SO GRATEFUL THAT YOU'RE LETTING US GO!

SO THEN...
IT'S ALL OVER FOR US
IF WE DON'T FIND THEM FIRST
AND FIND THE PROOF THAT
THE GODDESS IS FAKE.


NOW,
THE PROBLEM IS...
...WHAT WILL
THE ELVEN KINGDOM AND
FAIRY ALLIANCE DO?



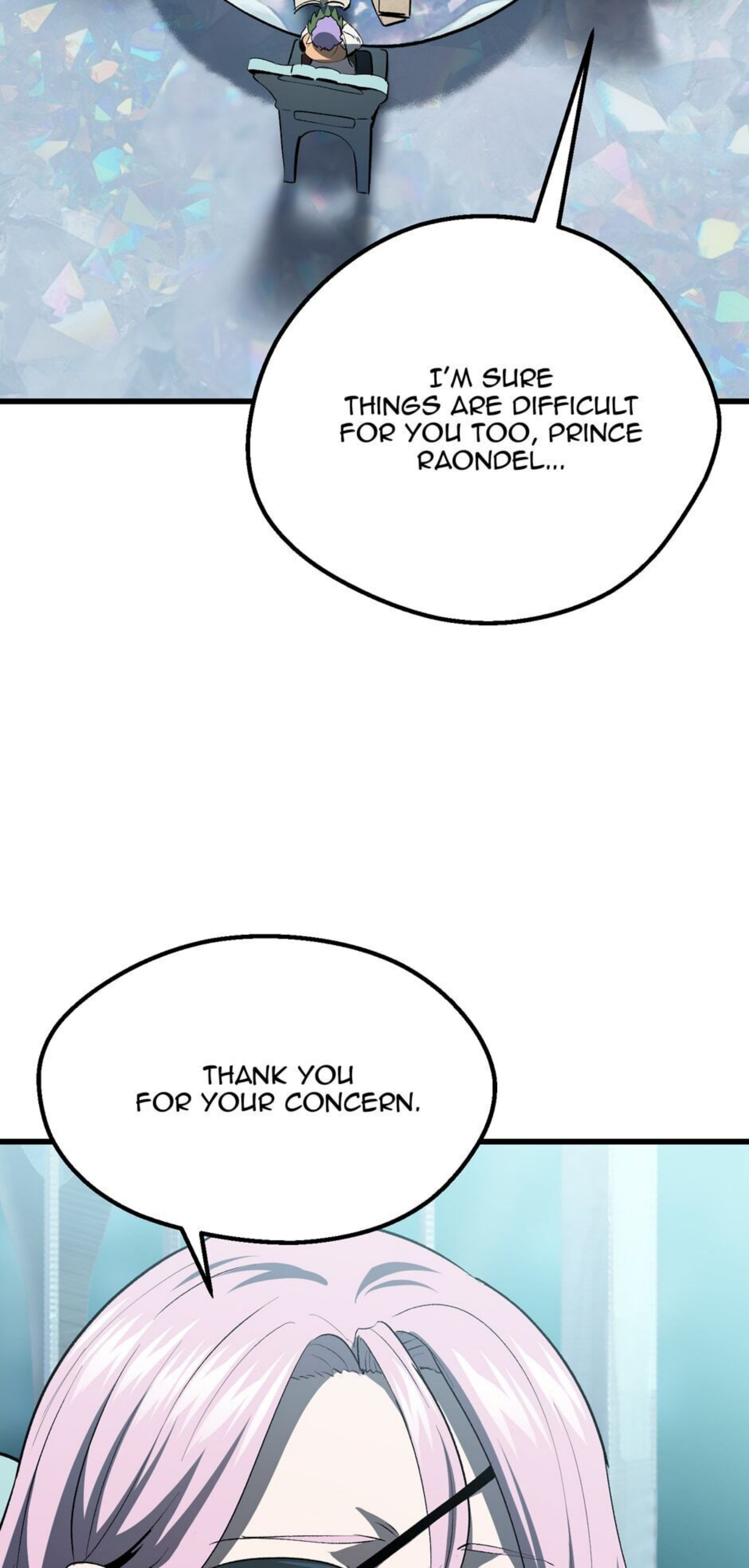
I DO REALIZE THE SHAME I BROUGHT UPON MYSELF BEFORE... AND I APOLOGIZE.

I'D LIKE TO PROPERLY INTRODUCE MYSELF TO THE KINGS OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE...
SK

I AM
RAONDEL ATLANSAS.

YOU MUST
BE HERE ON BEHALF
OF THE CROWN PRINCE...
I MEAN, THE NEW ELF
KING! I'M SURE HE'S
QUITE BUSY.

SK


I'M SURE THINGS ARE DIFFICULT FOR YOU TOO, PRINCE RAONDEL...
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONCERN.

BUT I AM NOW THE FIRST PRINCE OF THE ELVEN KINGDOM.
I CAN'T JUST BE EMBARRASSING MYSELF ANYMORE.
HMM
IF YOU'RE HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ELF KING...

...YOU MUST ALREADY BE AWARE.
THE VALTARAN AND HIS PARTY WERE THE LAST PEOPLE THE ELF KING SAW.
I KNOW YOU'RE CLOSE TO THEM, BUT THAT DOESN'T

CHANGE ANYTHING.
D-DWARF KING, DON'T BE SO—

CLENCH
I UNDERSTAND.

I KNOW THEY'RE THE PRIME SUSPECTS, CONSIDERING THE CIRCUMSTANCES...
BUT I DID GET TO SEE WHO THEY REALLY ARE.

THEY WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY AND TOOK ON AN UNRELATED MISSION TO SAVE MY LIFE.
THEY NEVER BACKED AWAY EVEN WHEN THEY WERE FACED WITH AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF DANGER.

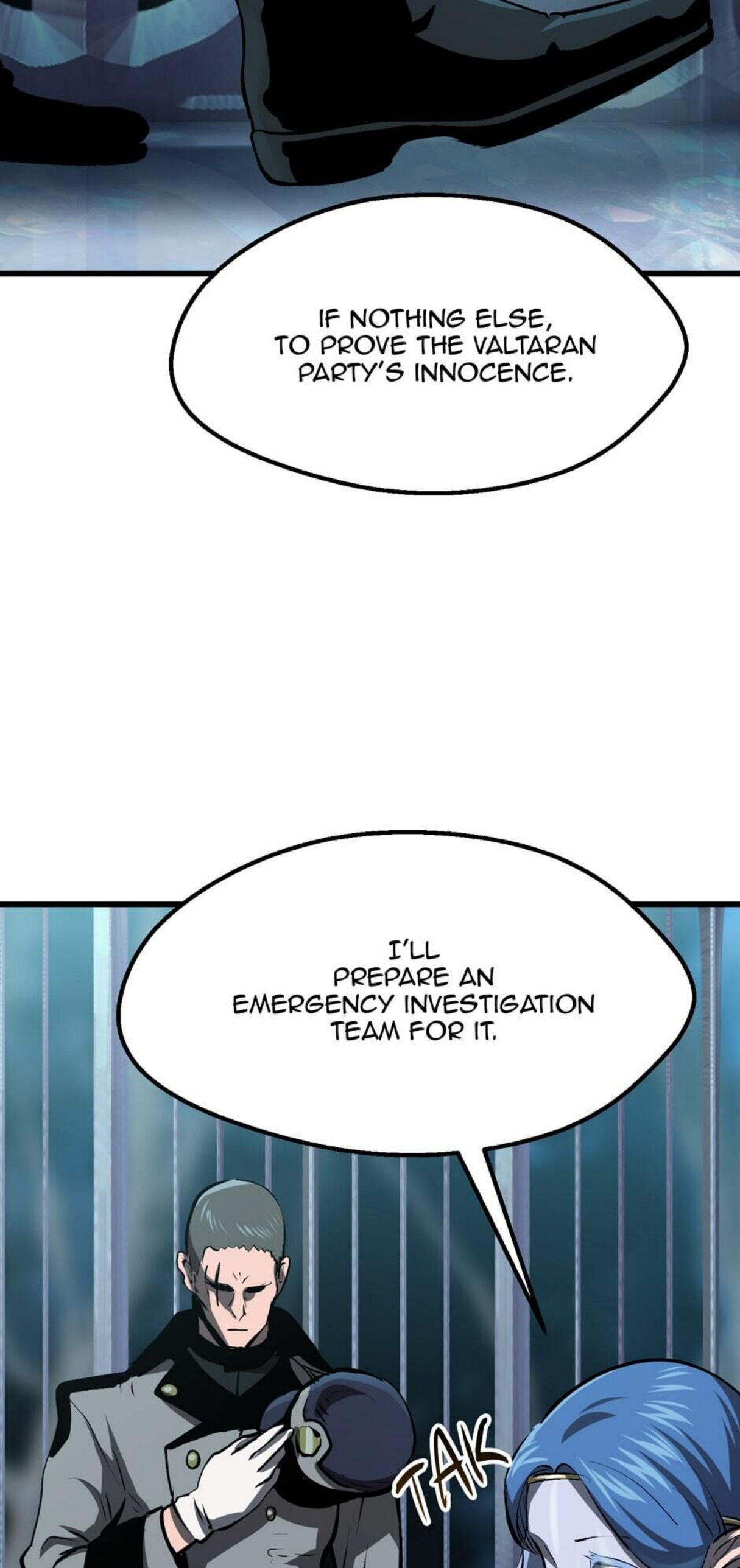
I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THEY'D RATHER DECLARE A WAR AGAINST THE ELVEN KINGDOM
BEFORE USING

A CHEAP METHOD LIKE ASSASSINATING AND RUNNING AWAY.

I AGREE!
THERE WERE NO TRACES LEFT AT THE SCENE... IT WAS DEFINITELY DONE BY A PROFESSIONAL.

BUT THEY LEFT THE BODY BEHIND, WHICH IS THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF EVIDENCE... IT MUST BE A TRAP.

I AGREE WITH YOU ON THAT TOO.
WE MUST FIND THEM AND HEAR FROM THEM DIRECTLY...

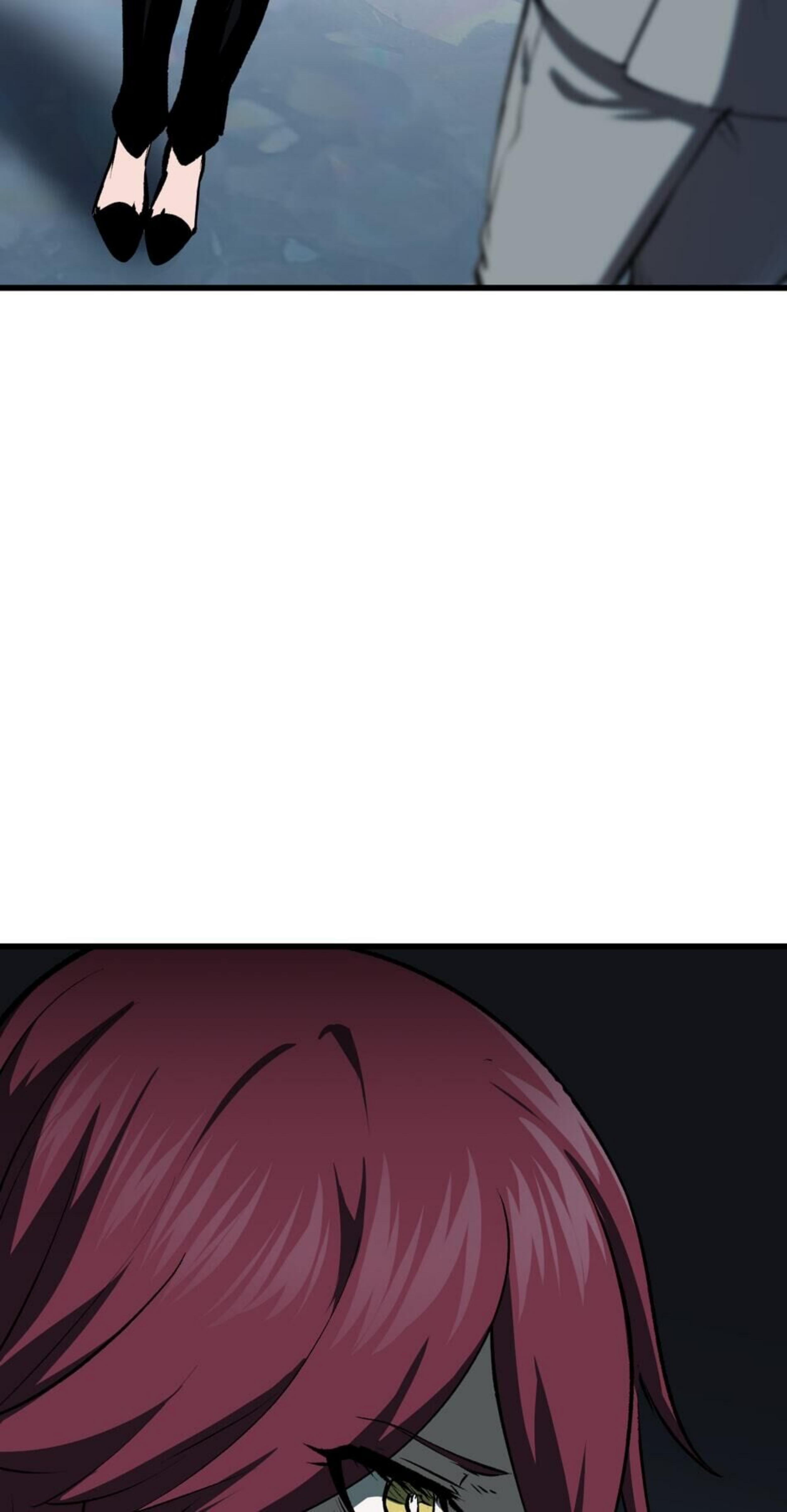

IF NOTHING ELSE, TO PROVE THE VALTARAN PARTY'S INNOCENCE.
I'LL PREPARE AN EMERGENCY INVESTIGATION TEAM FOR IT.
TAK

I'M RICHARD, QUEEN HOLIEN'S ASSISTANT.

I'LL BE IN CHARGE OF THE FAIRY ALLIANCE'S TEMPORARY INVESTIGATION TEAM.

OH...
QUEEN HOLIEN'S ASSISTANT...
THEN...

IS THE LADY NEXT TO YOU A MEMBER OF YOUR TEAM TOO?
BOW



CONGRATULATIONS.

RICHARD.

I GUESS
YOU GOT PROMOTED!

IT WAS ALL
THANKS TO LORD
GARHAN.

QUEEN HOLIEN BELIEVES THAT WE CAN'T KILL ANYONE AS LONG AS WE HAVE A 'FORBIDDANCE' ON US, SO SHE DOESN'T SUSPECT ANYTHING.

BUT WHY WAS I LEFT OUT OF THIS OPERATION?

SOMEONE NEEDS TO WATCH QUEEN HOLIEN WHILE I'M GONE.

YOU SEEM VERY MOTIVATED TO JOIN THIS MISSION, LESLIE.
THE LESLIE THAT I KNOW WOULD'VE NEVER VOLUNTEERED FOR A CUMBERSOME TASK LIKE A SEARCH MISSION.

DAMN IT...
THEY PROBABLY DON'T EVEN KNOW THAT PEOPLE ARE AFTER THEM.
I HAVE TO LET THEM KNOW SOMEHOW...

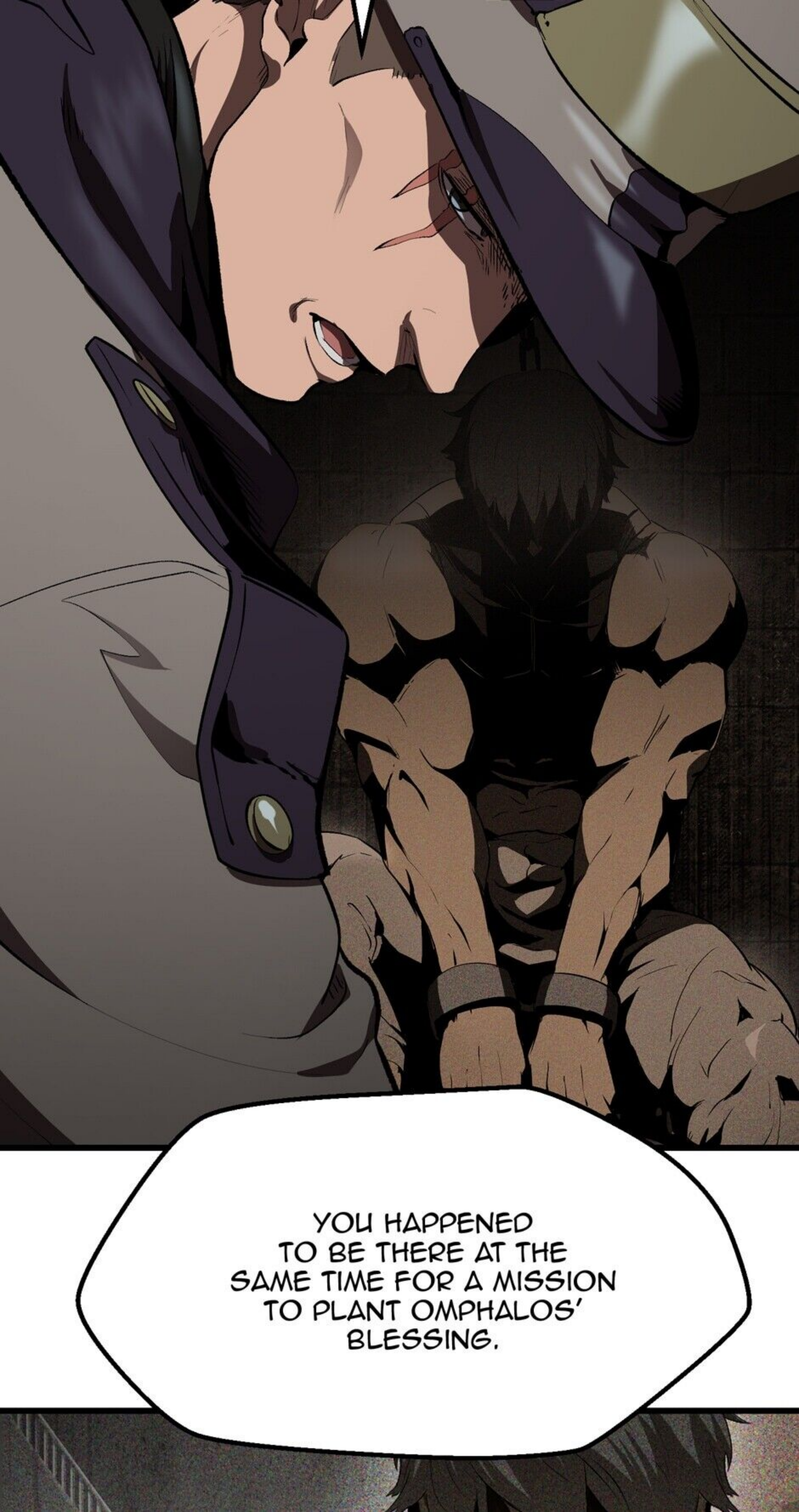
I KNOW I JUST NEED TO WATCH HER, BUT IT'S STILL HOLIEN THE TRANSCENDENT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

ISN'T MY MISSION MUCH MORE DANGEROUS?

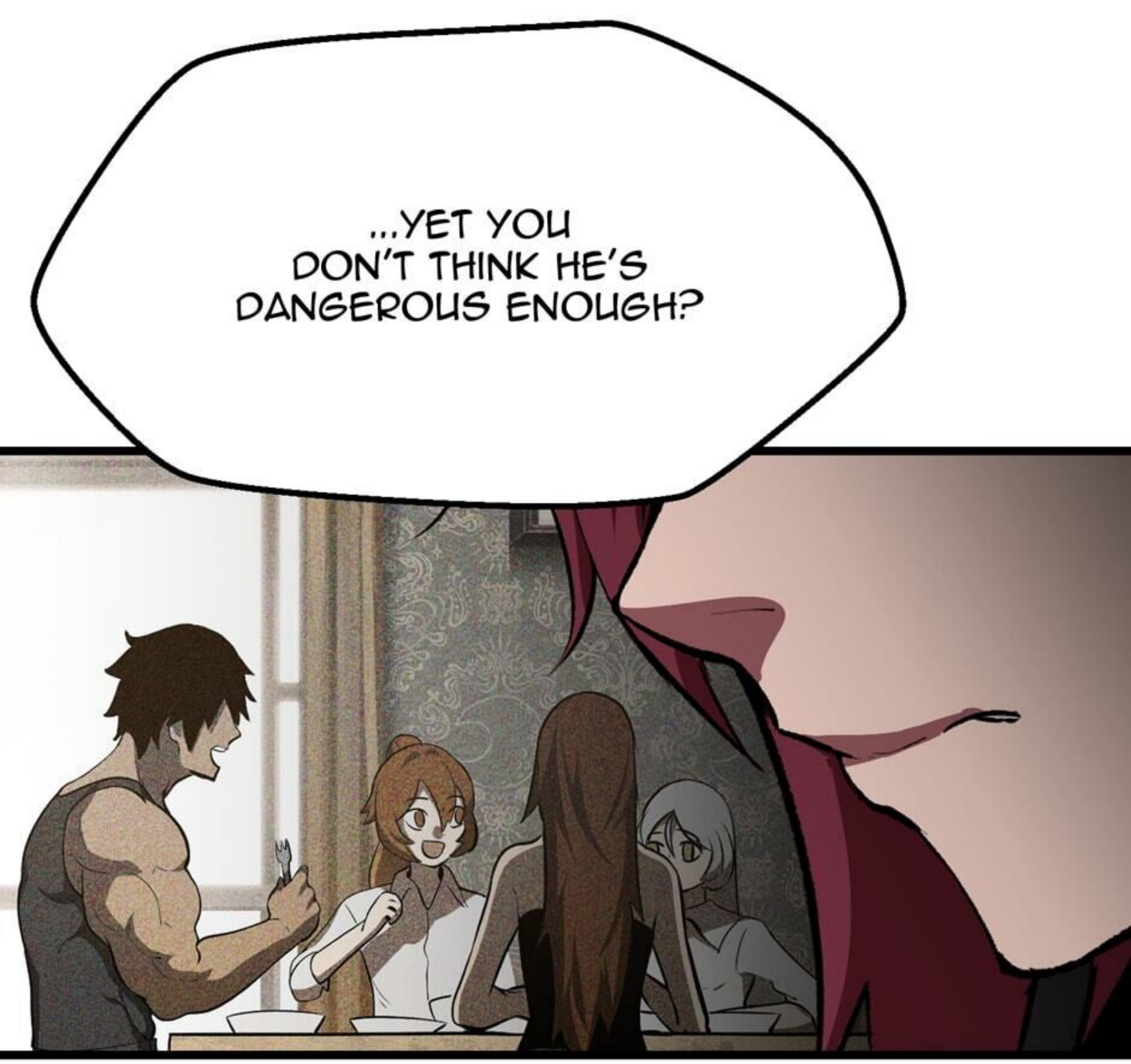
'DANGEROUS,' HUH...?

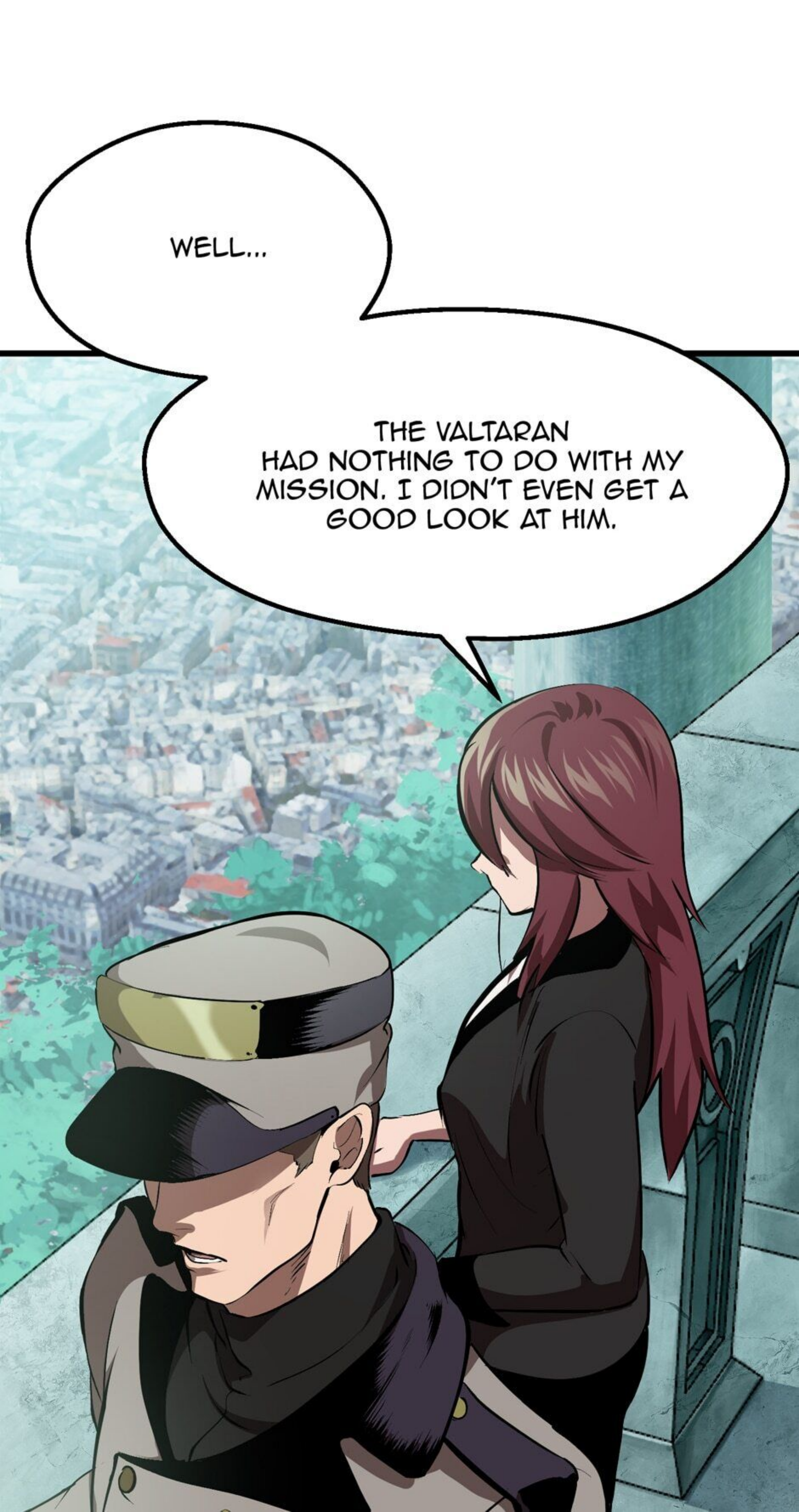
SK

BEFORE THAT VALTARAN WARRIOR CAME TO THE ELVEN KINGDOM...
HE WAS IN A PRISON.


YOU HAPPENED TO BE THERE AT THE SAME TIME FOR A MISSION TO PLANT OMPHALOS' BLESSING.

YOU MUST'VE SEEN
HOW POWERFUL HE IS...


...YET YOU
DON'T THINK HE'S
DANGEROUS ENOUGH?

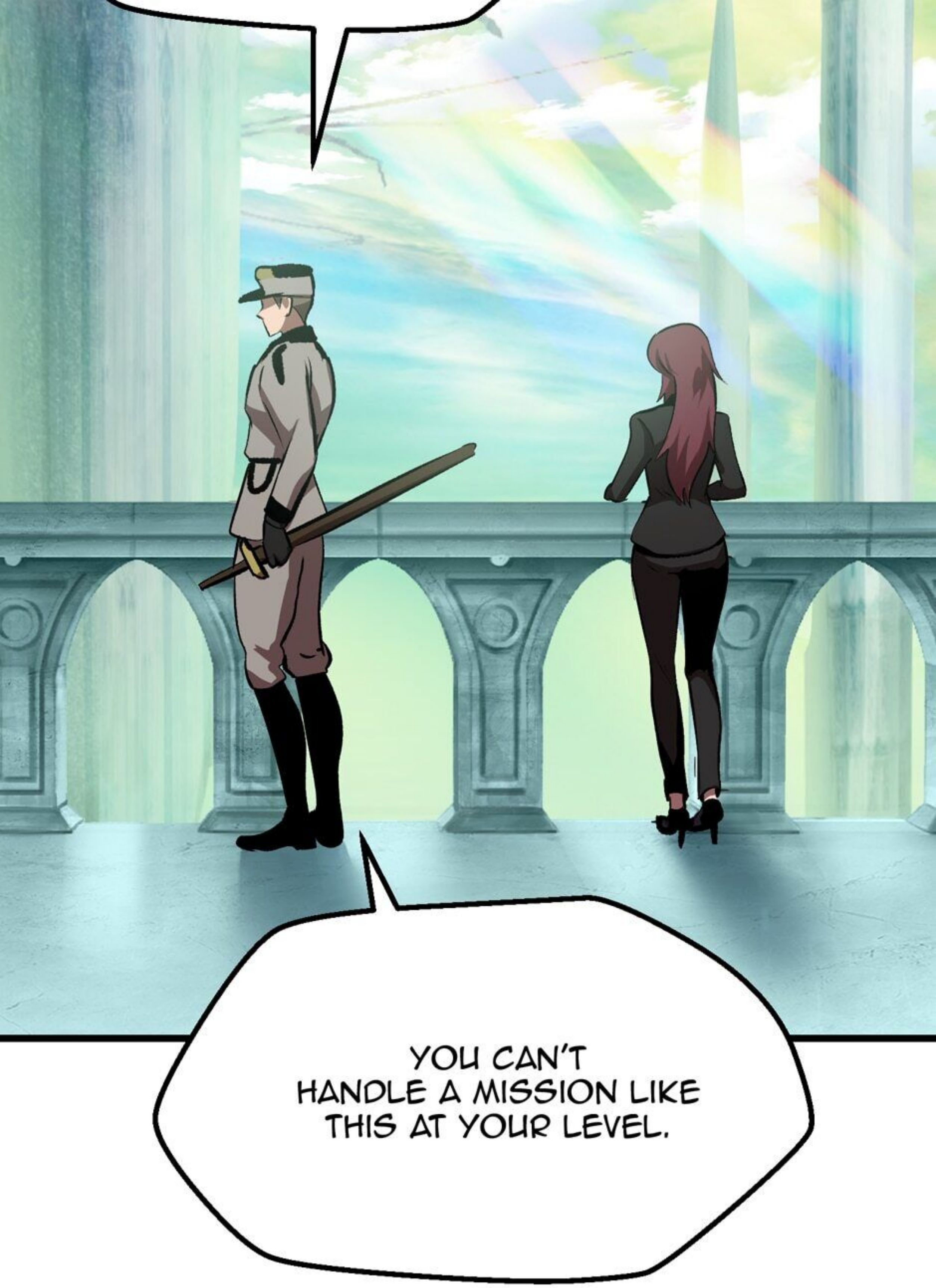

WELL...
THE VALTARAN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH MY MISSION. I DIDN'T EVEN GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM.

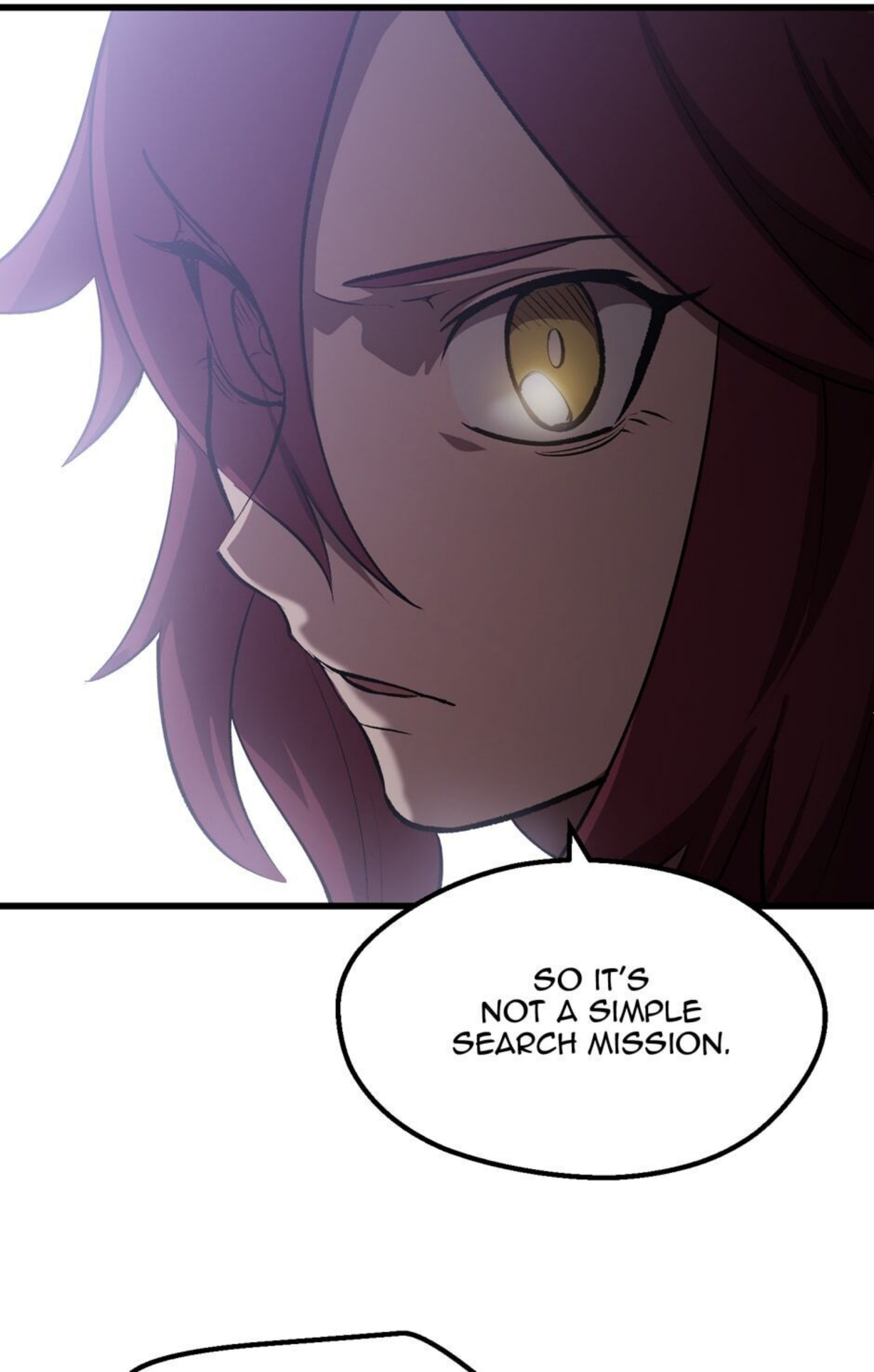
SK

IS THAT RIGHT?

HE'S A FORMIDABLE OPPONENT, EVEN TO LEONHART THE SPIRIT MASTER.

SOME MIGHT EVEN CONSIDER HIM TOUGHER THAN LEONHART BASED ON WHAT WE KNOW.

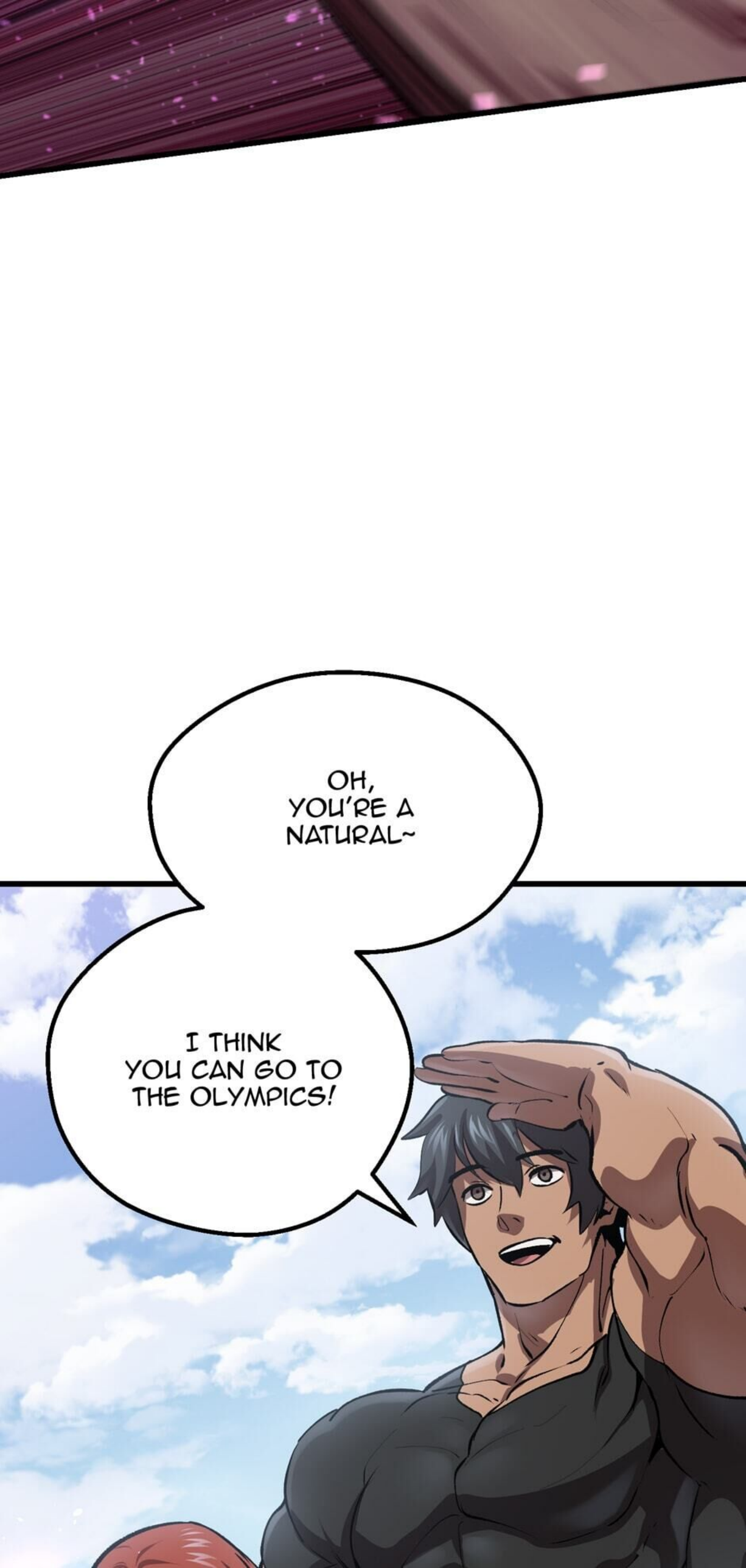

YOU CAN'T HANDLE A MISSION LIKE THIS AT YOUR LEVEL.

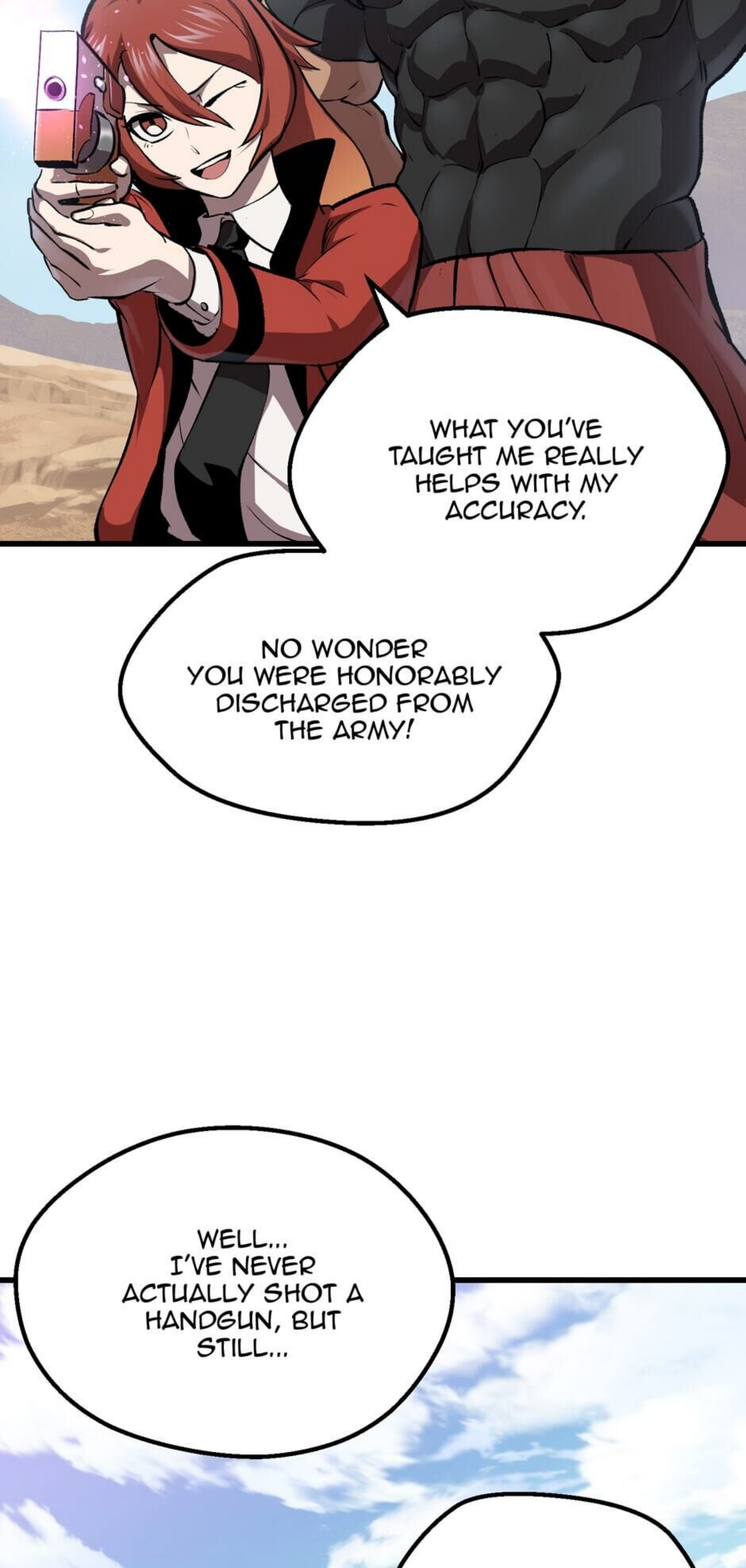

SO IT'S NOT A SIMPLE SEARCH MISSION.

NO.
MY MISSION
IS TO SEARCH
FOR THE VALTARAN
WARRIOR'S PARTY,
AND...
...ANNIHILATE THEM.

BANG

CRACK

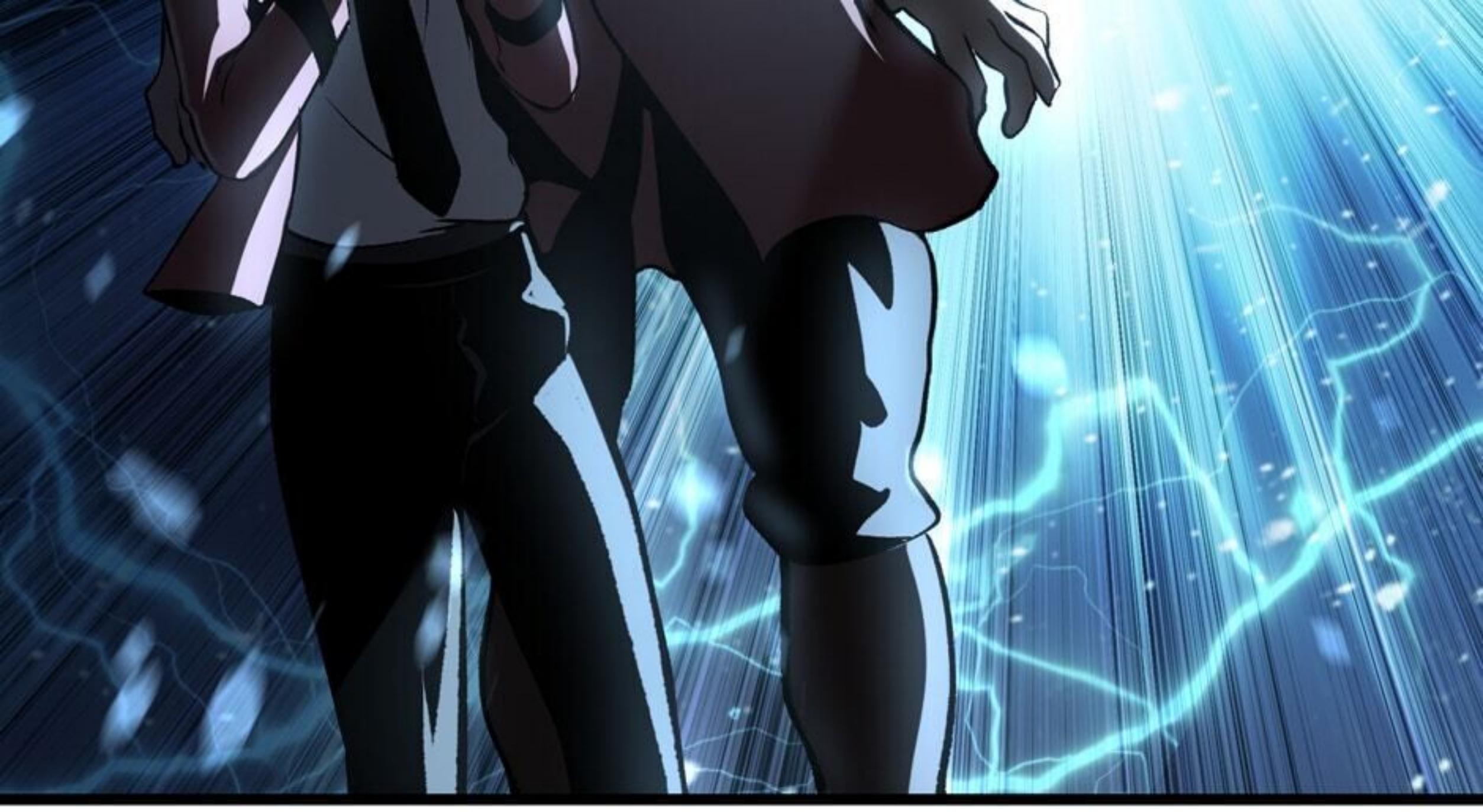

OH, YOU'RE A NATURAL~
I THINK YOU CAN GO TO THE OLYMPICS!


WHAT YOU'VE TAUGHT ME REALLY HELPS WITH MY ACCURACY.
NO WONDER YOU WERE HONORABLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY!
WELL... I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SHOT A HANDGUN, BUT STILL...

THEN WHAT DID YOU USE?
IT'S CALLED A 'RIFLE'... LIKE A LITTLE LONGER VERSION OF WHAT YOU HAVE.
BUT DO YOU THINK THAT GUN IS POWERFUL ENOUGH
TO FIGHT AGAINST ENEMIES

AGAINST ENEMIES WHO USE MAGIC OR HIGH-LEVEL MONSTERS?
OH, REGARDING POWER...

FLASH



EPHYR?

FLAP

DID SHE FAIL AGAIN WHILE PRACTICING FROM THAT SECRET BOOK?

EPHYR!

HUHUHU~
YOU FOOLISH
SUBJECTS!

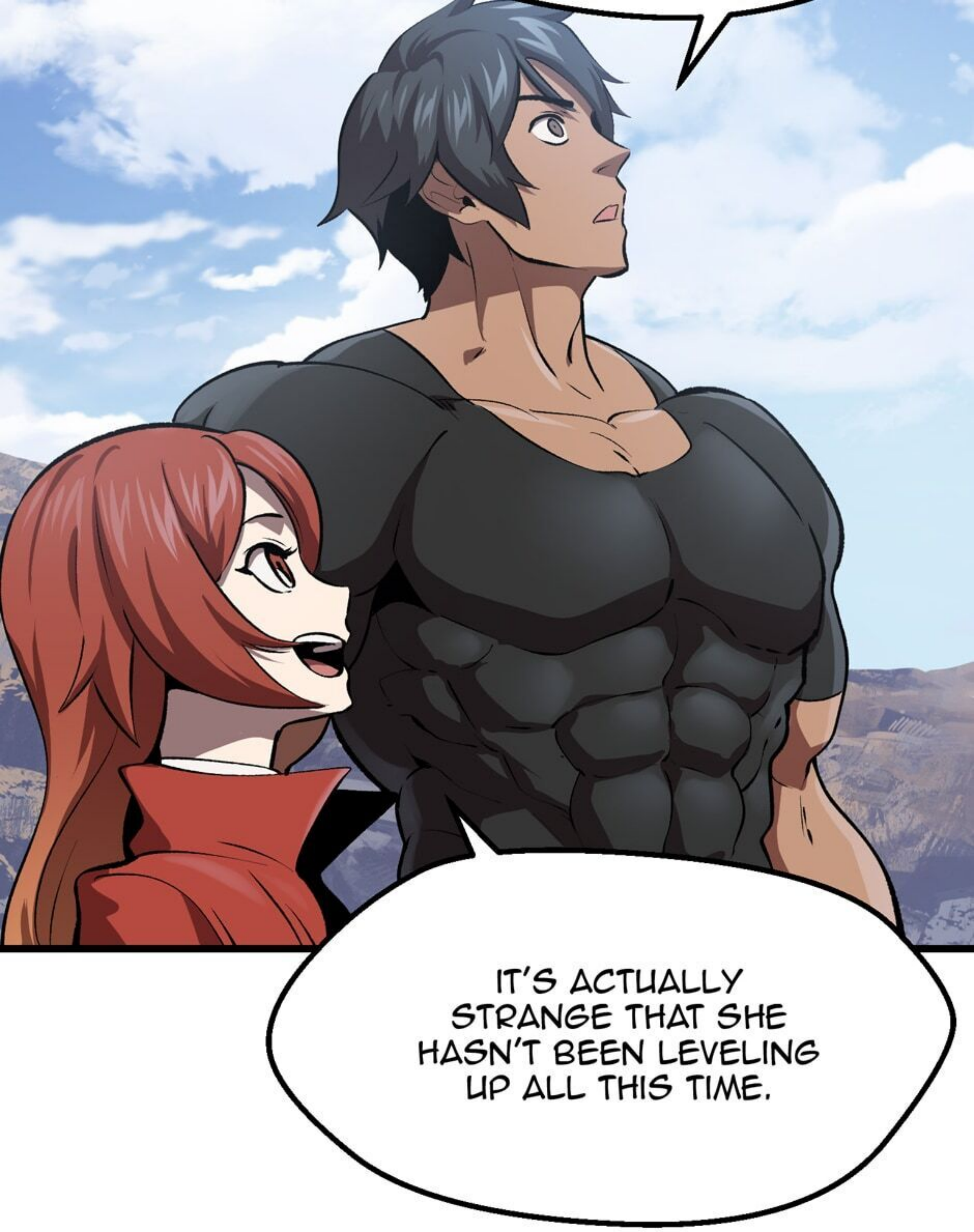
KNEEL BEFORE
THIS GENIUS BEAUTY!

WOONG!

WOONG

EPHYR! YOU CAN FLY NOW?!

SHE LEVELED UP AGAIN.



I GUESS SHE'S FINALLY STARTED TO LEVEL UP AS SHE LEARNED FROM THE BOOK HOW TO USE THE ENERGY STORED UP IN HER BODY.

Magic swordswoman
Lvl: 45

HUHU~ THIS IS NOTHING FOR A GENIUS LIKE ME~
I MUST SAY... I'M MORE COMFORTABLE FLYING THAN WALKING ALREADY~

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VZZT
OH~ THE FORCE FROM THESE SWORDS WAS HELPING YOU STAY UP IN THE AIR~

THUD
KSHK

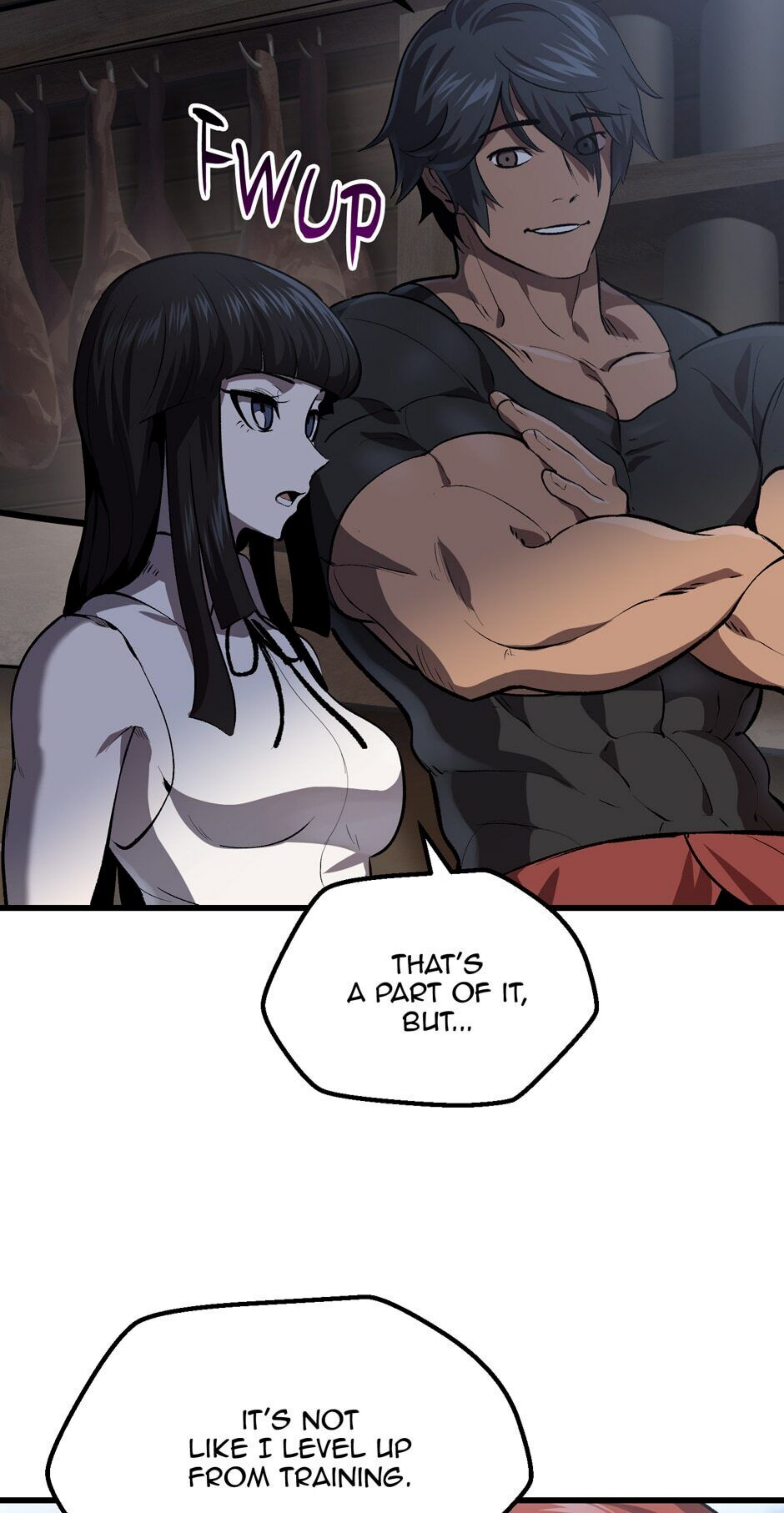
STOP GETTING IN MY WAY AND LEAVE ME ALONE!
SORRY~

HAHAHA!

KIBIER, YOU'RE NOT TRAINING?

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT ME.

AH, YES~ YOU'RE AN IMPORTANT GUEST HERE~


FWUP
THAT'S A PART OF IT, BUT...
IT'S NOT LIKE I LEVEL UP FROM TRAINING.

I DON'T GAIN
EXP LIKE YOU EITHER.

THAT'S WHY... I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU GUYS
FOR FIGHTING WITH YOUR LIVES ON THE LINE.
THAT WAS RANDOM...

WELL, LATNA'S FACING A CRISIS, SO...
BUT HOW ABOUT YOU?

YOU'RE NOT FROM HERE ORIGINALLY.
THAT'S TRUE, BUT...
I WAS

PROMISED TO BE SENT BACK HOME ONCE WE FIND PAUTAULT THE SWORD KING AND THIS CRISIS IS OVER.
WAIT! DON'T TELL ME THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOW—

DON'T WORRY.
THE GODDESS' PROMISE IS ABSOLUTE.
UNLESS IT DISRUPTS THE NATURAL PRINCIPLES OF THE WORLD, SHE ALWAYS KEEPS HER PROMISES.

BUT...
I'VE LEARNED THAT 'OBJECTIVES' AND 'WISHES' ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS.
WHEN I WAS ABOUT TO SACRIFICE RAONDEL TO ACHIEVE MY OBJECTIVE...

...YOU MADE ME FACE WHAT I WISHED FOR, THOUGH I NEVER KNEW IT.
THEN WHAT ABOUT YOU?

WHAT IS YOUR TRUE WISH?
WHAT'S YOUR REASON TO KEEP FIGHTING?

MY REASON...?

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WE'RE DONE FILLING UP WATER, SO LET'S GO~!

GET ON, EVERYONE!

I DIDN'T MEAN TO WASTE YOUR TIME AHEAD OF OUR IMPORTANT

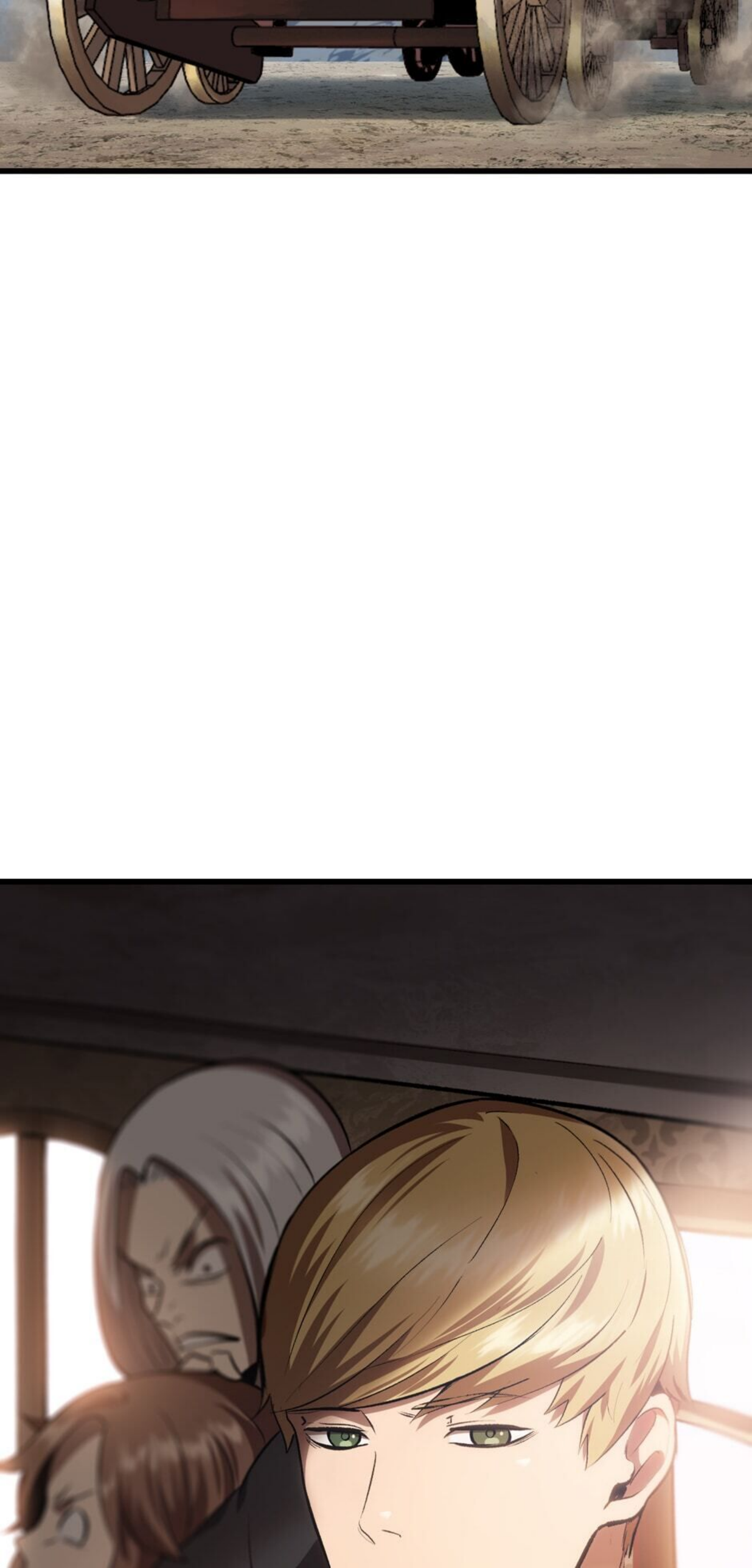
MISSION.

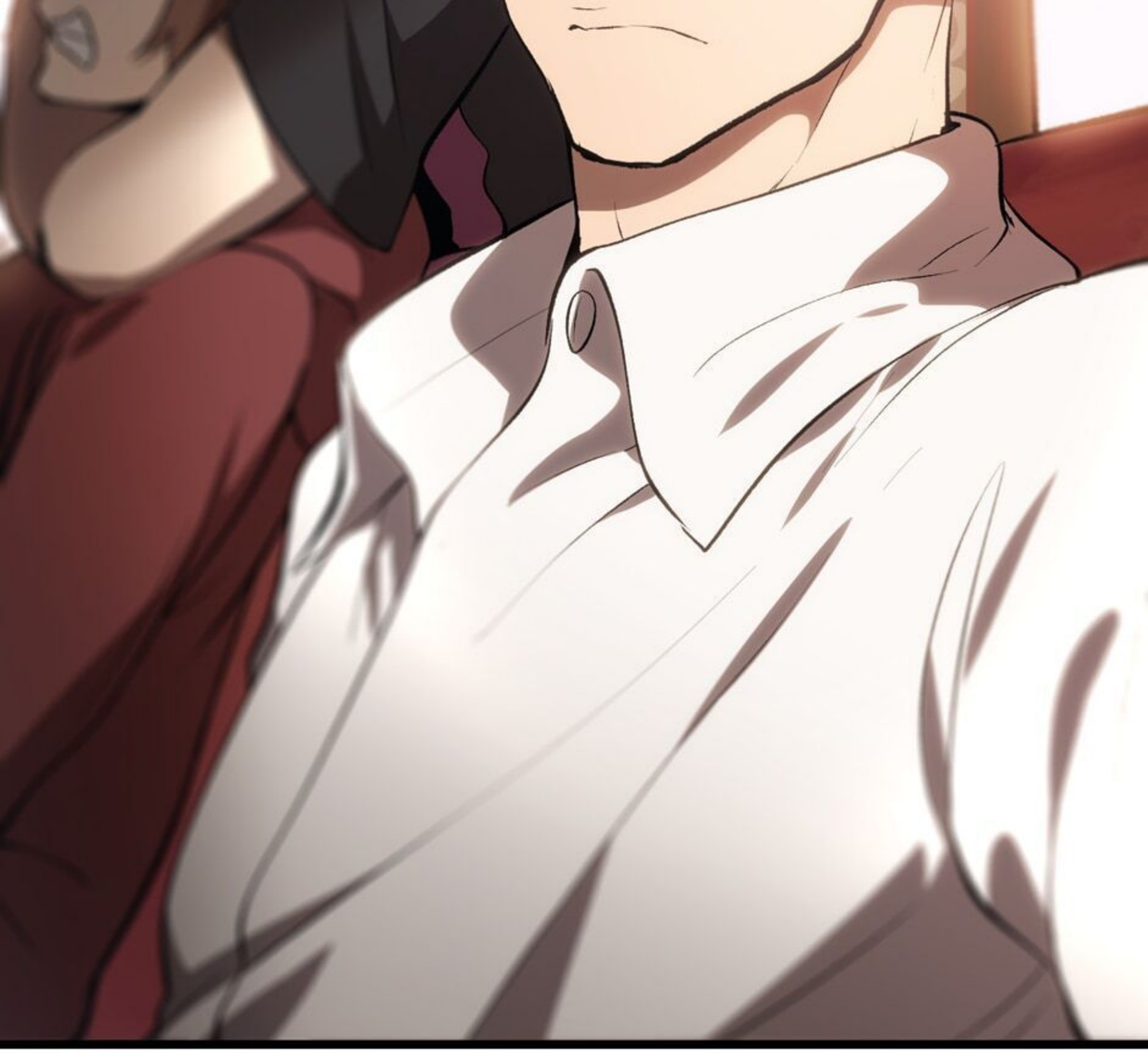
I WAS JUST CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU THINK.

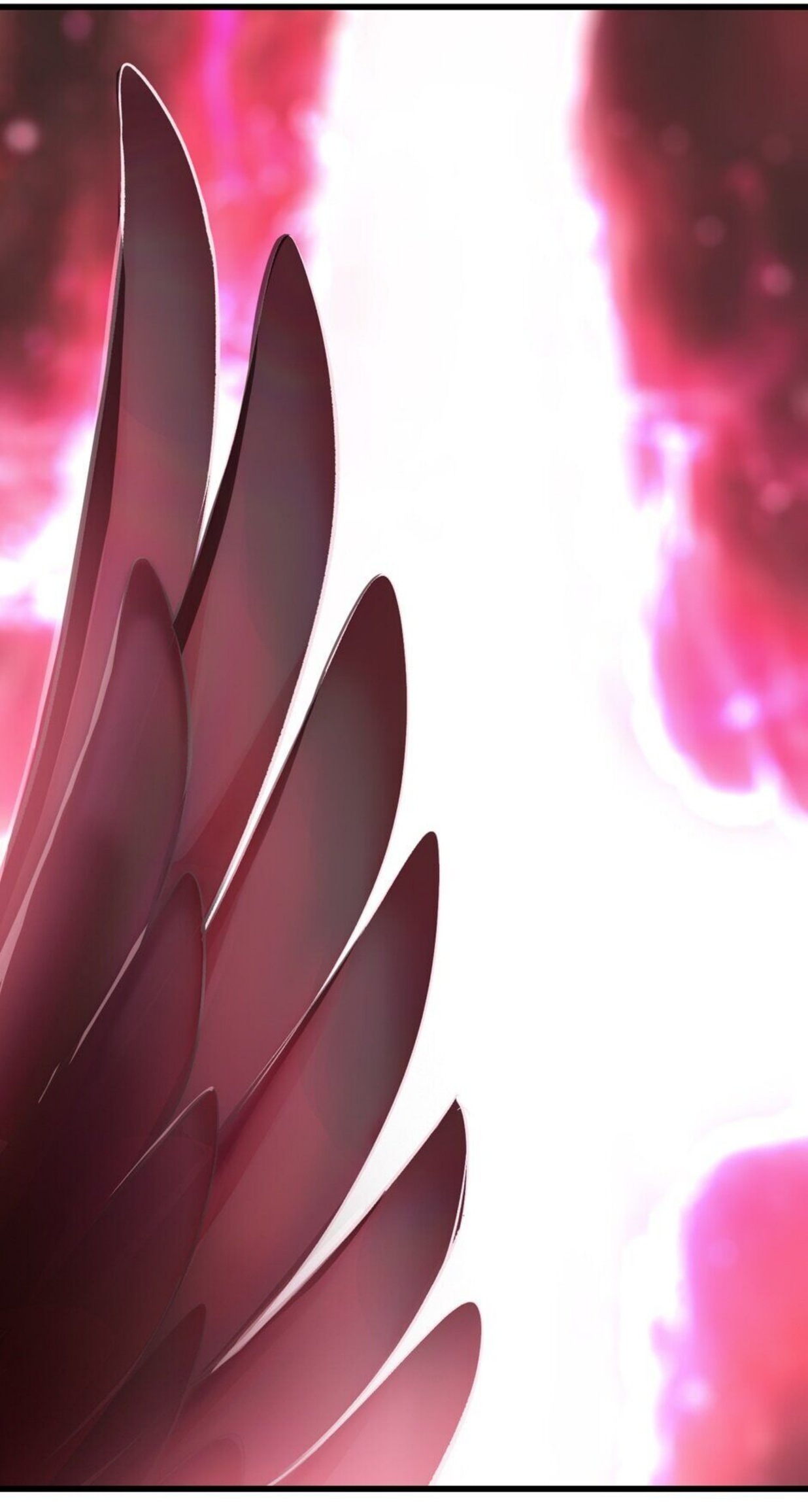
?

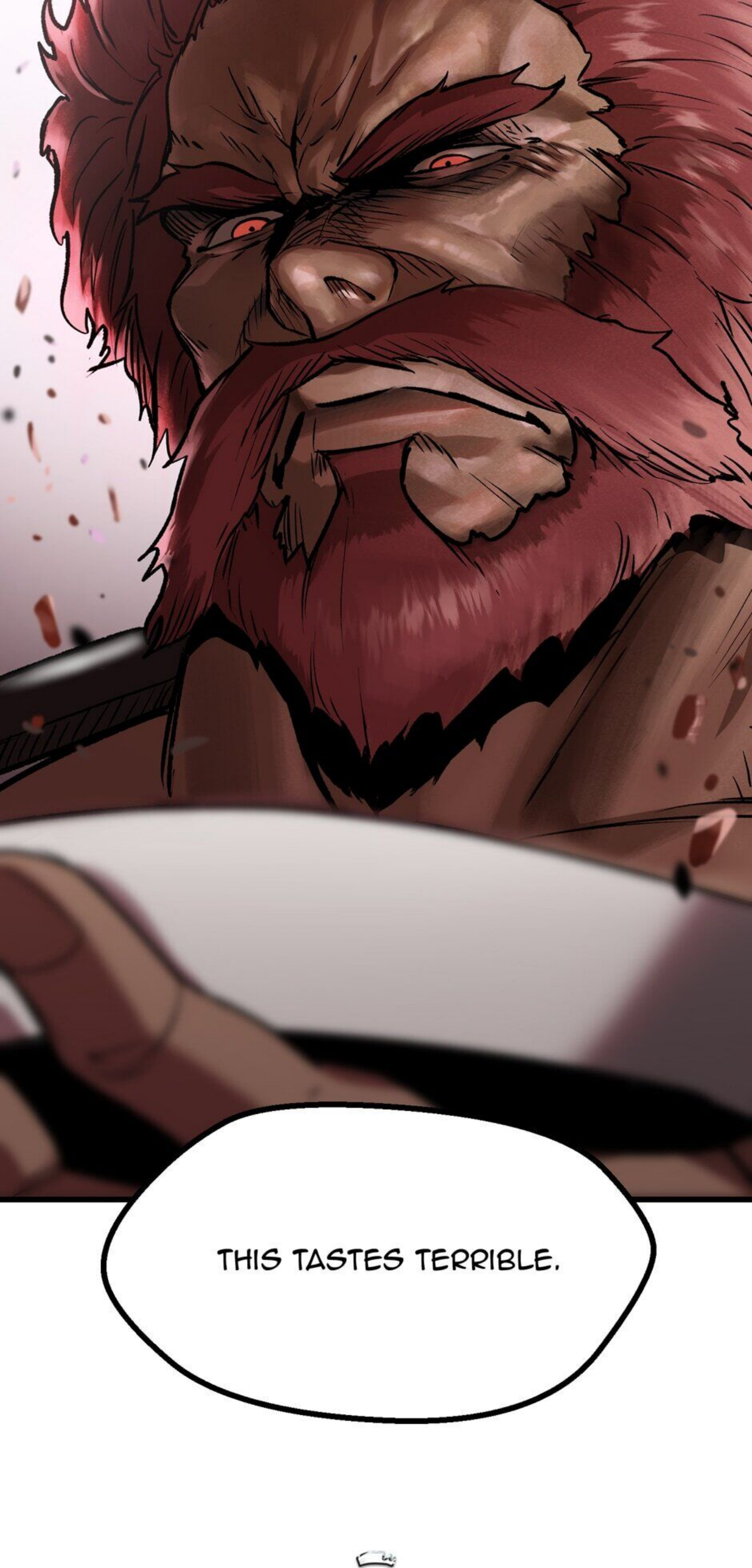
Up

MY REASON...
TO KEEP FIGHTING...





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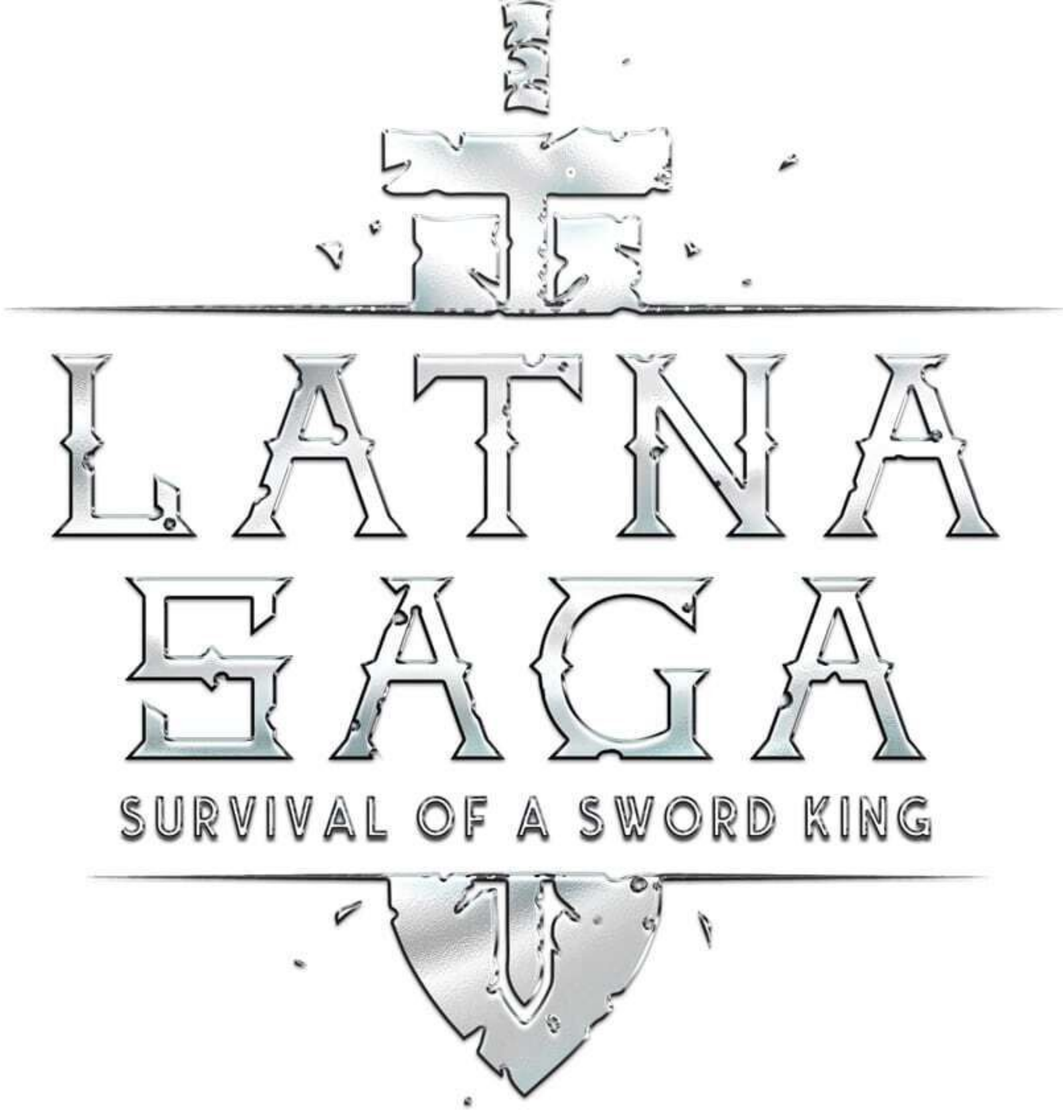

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